

and, (along with them), you two cause the
purple and
faultless sky to send down rain.

7- Sapient MITRA and VARUNA, by
your office you
protect pious rites, through the
power of the emitter
of showers: you illumine the whole
world with water:
you sustain the sun, the adorable
chariot in the sky.

SUKTA VIII. (LXIV.)

The deities and *Riski* as before; the metre is

Anushtubh,

except in the last verse, in which it is *PanJdi*.

1. We invoke you, MITRA and VARUNA.
with this *varga* in.

hymn; each the discomfiter of foes, the
conductor to
heaven, like (two herdsmen) driving, by
(the strength
of their) arms, the herds of cattle before
them.

2. Do you two, with discriminating hand,
bestow
upon me, your worshipper, (what I
desire); for the
desirable felicity (that is given by you)
spreads
through all lands.

3. That I may now pursue the (right)
direction,
may I proceed by the path of MiTRA,¹ for
all (good
things) are aggregated in the happiness,
(the gift) of
that beloved and benignant (deity).

4. May I obtain from you, MITRA and
VARUNA, by
my praise, such wealth as to excite envy in
the dwell-
ings of the rich and the devout.

5. Come, MITRA, (come), VARUNA, with
your splen-
dour to our assembly, and augment (<the
prosperity)
of the affluent (worshipper-)raad of (those
who are)
your friends in their respective>bodes.

6. You, MITRA and ^ARUffA, bring us
strength and
abundant (food) for (tf cose praises) which
(we offer);